



**Telephone Company**

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Via ECFS

June 26, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 Twelfth Street S.W.  
Room 5-A225  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: FCC FORM 481 – CARRIER ANNUAL REPORTING DATA  
COLLECTION CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT  
TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-0135, 05-337, 03-  
109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET  
NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
(FILED IN DOCKETS 14-58 AND 11-42) AND CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS .457 AND .459 OF THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULES**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.313, Cass Telephone Company (Cass) is submitting FCC Form 481 via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Section 3005 requires the filing of financial information per 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). In this ECFS filing, Cass has redacted confidential financial information per Protective Order, DA 12-1857.

This information was filed on line with USAC and will be filed no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

In addition, two copies of this cover letter and each page containing redacted confidential information marked "REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" are being filed via overnight delivery with the Secretary. Included in that delivery are a copy of the cover letter and confidential information stamped "Confidential financial information subject to protective order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-0135, 05-337,

03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, before the Federal Communications Commission.”.

In addition, two copies of the cover letter and confidential information stamped “Confidential financial information subject to protective order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-0135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, before the Federal Communications Commission.” are being filed with Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554. This is in accordance with the Protective Order.

Please contact me with any questions you have on these filings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Brue".

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	340984
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<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2174527800 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jbrue@casscomm.com

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)			
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">340984IL1010.pdf</div>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Service Quality Standards Compliance

Per Subpart A, Section 730.100 of Title 83, Chapter 1, Subchapter f of the Illinois Administrative Code, Cass Telephone Company is required to meet the service quality standards contained in Section 730. Subpart E of this section addresses “Standards of Quality of Service”. Subpart A, Section 730.115 requires the quarterly reporting of various installation, repair and answer time data for Illinois Commerce Commission and public review.

### Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Cass Telephone Company complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and Subpart Y, Truth in Billing Requirements for Common Carrier, and Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A Company Manual for CPNI and Red Flags is in place and employee training is conducted annually. New hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Cass Telephone Company (Cass) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)1 and Subpart A, Section 730.325 of Title 83, Chapter 1, Subchapter f of the Illinois Administrative Code.

#### Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

- 1) Cass has an emergency plan in place per Subpart A, Section 730.325(a) of Title 83, Chapter 1, Subchapter f of the Illinois Administrative Code.
- 2) Cass has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.
- 3) Specifically, Cass has two wire centers. The Virginia central office has a natural gas powered generator backing up a 48 volt battery system which is capable of powering the equipment for 8 hours with no outside power source. The Easton central office has a natural gas powered generator backing up a 48 volt battery system. All remote cabinets have batteries capable of lasting 8 to 10 hours with no outside power source and are equipped with connections for a portable generator. Voice service is powered off either the serving central office or the closest remote cabinet.

Voice Services Rate Comparability Information for Cass Telephone Company

As evidenced by the data provided on line 700 of FCC Form 481, the Company's voice service pricing is no more than 2 standard deviations above the national average urban rate (\$47.48) as announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau in April, 2015 (DA 15-470).

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jbrue@casscomm.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> (yes / <input type="radio"/> no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (yes / <input type="radio"/> no)

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.



Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	<input type="text"/>	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	<input type="text"/>	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	<input type="text"/>	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	<input type="text"/>	Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	<input type="text"/>	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	<input type="text"/>	Yes



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## **Cass Telephone Company (“the Company”)**

### **2015 PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This document is an integral part of the Company’s 2015 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC’s USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161). The document incorporates further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was due by Rule, to the requisite regulatory authorities.

The Company has carefully developed its improvement plan, concentrating on the delivery and continuation of a robust network which provides, at a minimum, the federally required voice and broadband connectivity as stipulated by regulatory rule. In certain situations (and as noted herein), the plan may also incorporate specific state requirements.

The Company advises that this improvement plan has been carefully crafted, matching measured network deployment, improvement and quality service levels with known financial implications of the Transformation Order upon the company’s support cash-flows. The uncertainty of such cash flows being received in the outer-years as a result of current and potential regulatory action on rural rate-of-return carriers has resulted in the Company taking a balanced yet realistic approach.

The environment in which the Company operates remains dynamic, not static. As a result, the Company reserves the opportunity to modify its plan in response to further regulatory decisions as they are adopted, and their implication upon the Company’s financial viability in providing the required services and service level quality becomes known.

The Company will re-evaluate this plan on an annual basis. Action, however, may also be taken abruptly on the presented plan for both current and outer years in the event of evolving regulatory conditions and/or changes in technology (vendor)-driven support. All adjustments to the improvement plan in this document will be reflected and explained in subsequent annual reports.



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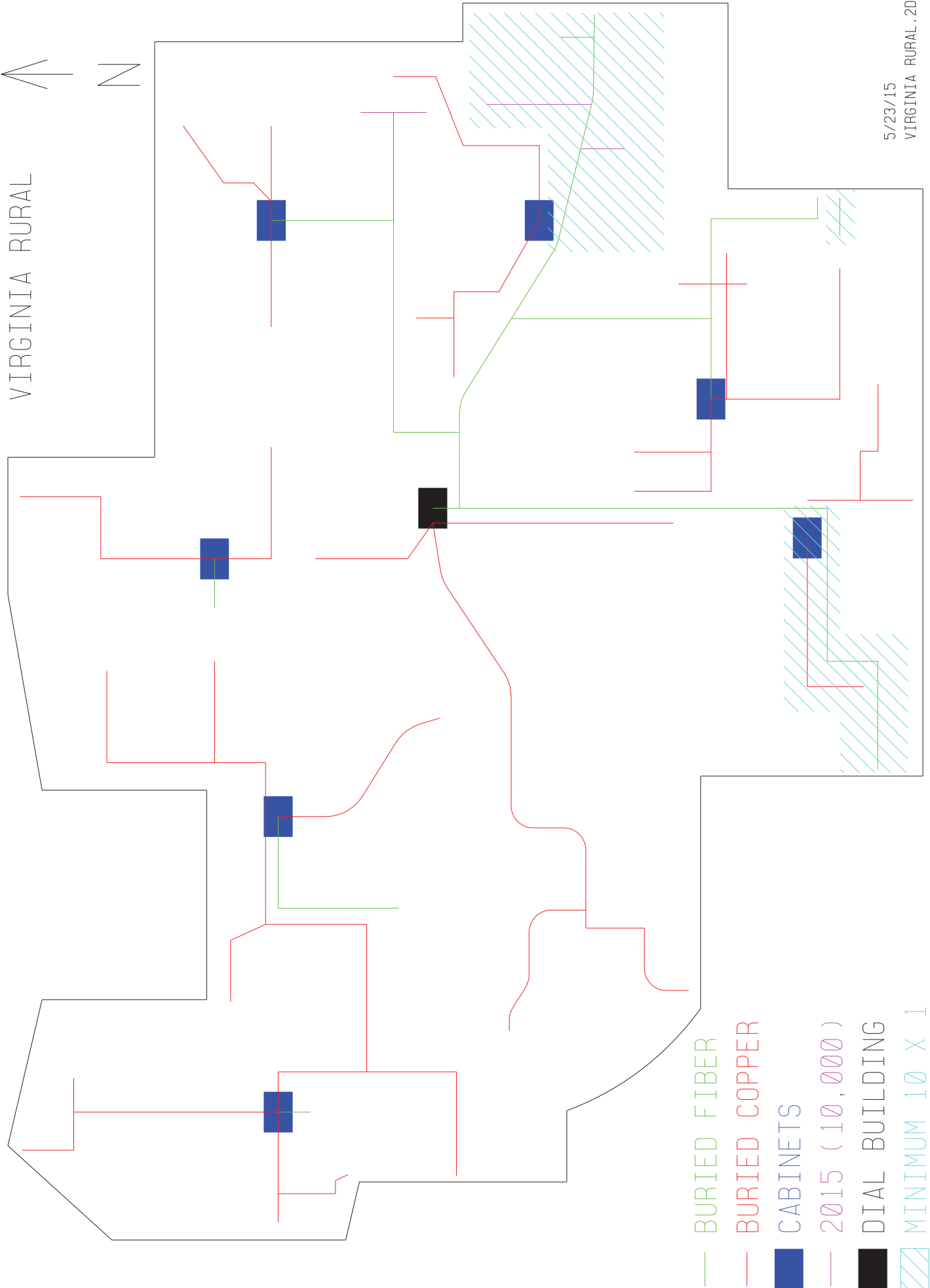
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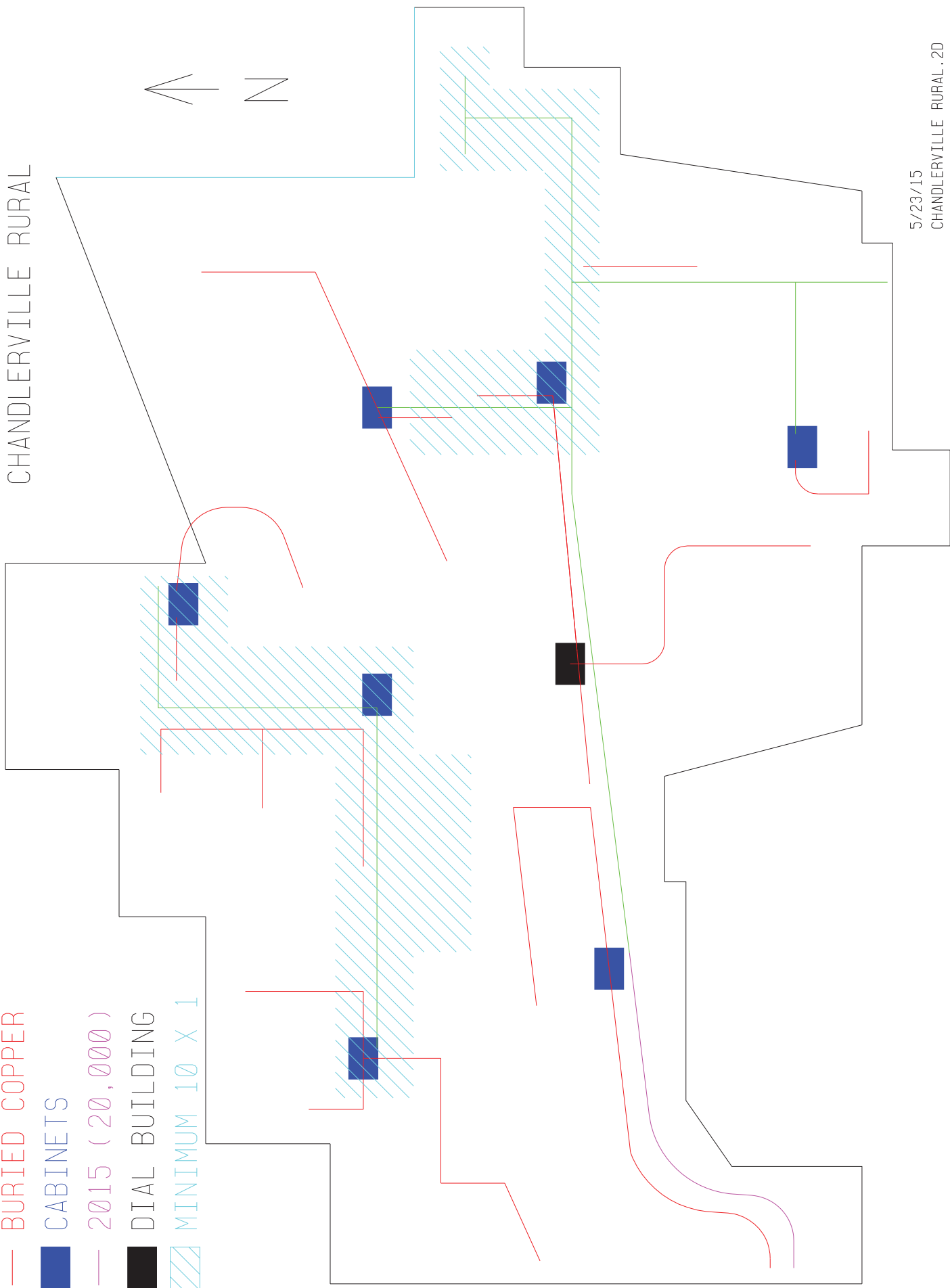






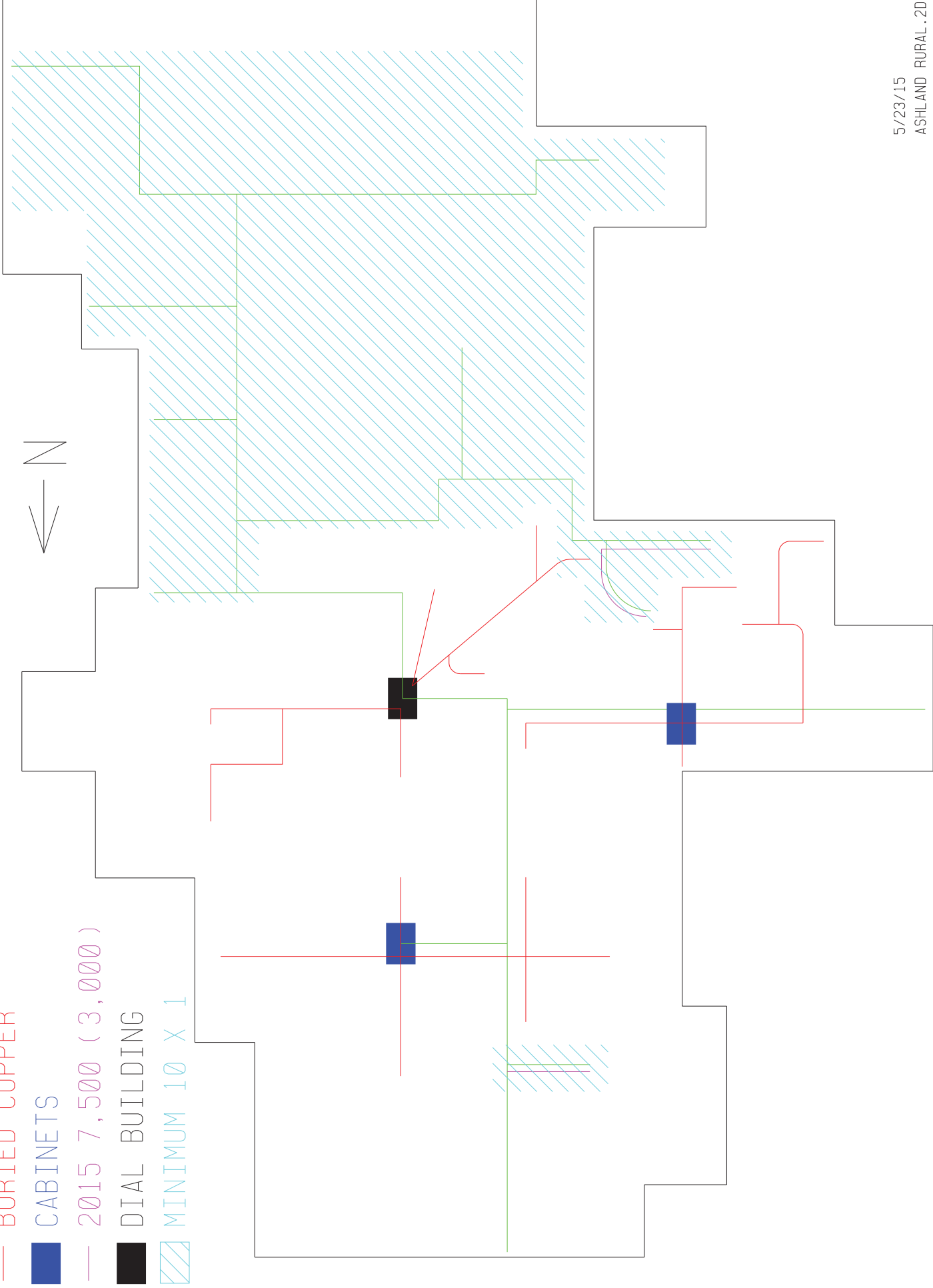
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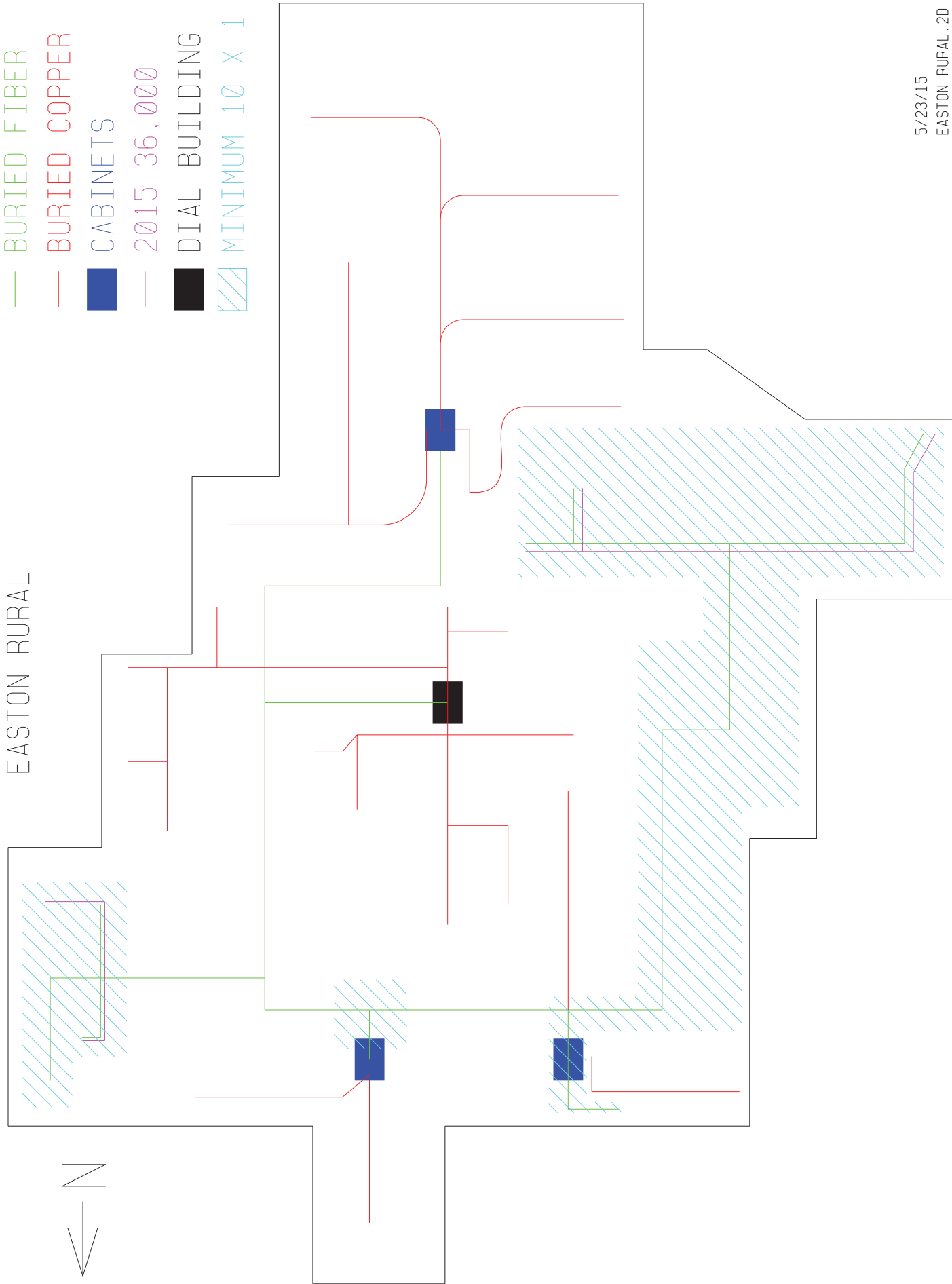
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EASTON RURAL

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- 2015 36,000
- DIAL BUILDING
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**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)**  
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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation
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Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting</b>		FCC Form 481	
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
		July 2013	

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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b>		FCC Form 481	
<b>Lifeline</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		July 2013	

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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	<div>340984IL1210.pdf</div>	Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP	

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Description of Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Section 15.3 of Cass Telephone Company's ILL. C. C. No. 10 local service tariff outlines the eligibility requirements and the type and amount of support for their implementation of the Lifeline program.

Section 4.1 of that tariff describes the residential local exchange service to which the Lifeline support is applicable. This service includes unlimited local calling minutes.

Cass Telephone Company offers equal access toll calling for all Lifeline customers through available interexchange carriers (IXCs). The rates, terms and conditions of the toll offerings are made by the IXCs.

Cass Telephone Company's application for Lifeline support is attached.





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Full Name	_____	Date of Birth	_____
Full Address	_____	Billing Address	_____
	Street and Apartment Number	if Different	Street and Apartment Number
	_____		_____
	City		City
	_____		_____
	Zip Code and County		Zip Code and County
Address is	_____ Permanent	Social Security #	_____
	_____ Temporary	Public Aid Case #	_____

Are you, your dependents, or your household a participant as of this date of application  
in one of the programs listed below?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

If so, in which program(s) do you currently participate?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Food Stamps  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Security Income  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Housing Assistance Program  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

For which benefits do you wish to apply?

- \_\_\_\_\_ LinkUp Connect Fee Assistance (waiver of up to 50% of the initial telephone Connection fee)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifeline Local Exchange Service Assistance (Assistance) with monthly telephone bills  
 \_\_\_\_\_ UTSAP Assistance (Supplemental Initial Telephone Connection Fee Assistance)

Under penalty of perjury, I confirm that I meet program-based criteria for receiving Lifeline. I will notify my provider within 30 days if for any reason I no longer satisfy the criteria for receiving Lifeline including receiving more than one Lifeline benefit, or another member of my household receiving a Lifeline benefit. If I move to a new address, I will provide that address to the ETC within 30 days. I understand that a household will receive only one Lifeline service and, to the best of my knowledge my household is not already receiving a Lifeline service. The information contained in this certification is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law and that I may be required to re-certify my continued eligibility for Lifeline at any time. Any failure to re-certify my continued eligibility will result in de-enrollment and the termination of Lifeline benefits.

SIGNED

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TELEPHONE #

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**EXHIBIT A**

**ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS  
LIFELINE PROGRAMS  
CONSENT FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below, I further give my telecommunication carrier permission to verify with the Illinois Department of Human Services whether or not I am entitled to public assistance benefits as of the date of this application and from time to time thereafter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

		Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information
<2010>	<b>Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting</b>	
<2011a>	2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}	
<2011b>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}	
	Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii}	
	<b>Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}</b>	
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}	
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<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}	
<2016>	<b>Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}</b>	
	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	
<2017>	<b>Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}</b>	
<2018>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	
<2019>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	
<2020>	Interim Progress Certification	
	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	
<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010)

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011)

Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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(3012)

Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013)

Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(3014)

If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

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(Yes/No)

☐

(Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015)

Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

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(3016)

Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3017)

If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(Yes/No)

(3018)

If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019)

Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

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(3020)

Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3021)

Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit

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If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022)

Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

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(3023)

Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

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(3024)

Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

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(3025)

Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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(3026)

Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Cass Telephone Company

Rate-of-Return Carrier Broadband Service Certification

The Company certifies it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/2 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.



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Filed as reviewed single company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filed as audited single company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Filed as reviewed consolidated company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filed as audited consolidated company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filed as subsidiary of reviewed consolidated company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filed as subsidiary of audited consolidated company	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			42. Reacquired Debt		
a. Rural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
b. Nonrural Development			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
12. Other Investments			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
a. Rural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
b. Nonrural Development			<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
13. Nonregulated Investments			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			48. Other Deferred Credits		
15. Deferred Charges			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			<b>EQUITY</b>		
			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed		
<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			53. Treasury Stock		
19. Property Held for Future Use			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
20. Plant Under Construction			55. Other Capital		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]		
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]		

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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: CASS TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/26/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mike Reynolds	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Vice President	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2174527800 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 340984	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier  
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Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
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